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SUBJECT: SUDAN REPORTEDLY TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH KOREA

1. ON HEELS RECENT VISITS TO SEOUL OF MINSTATE IDRIS (KHARTOUM 3561, NOTAL) AND MINCOMMERCE AWAD (KHARTOUM 3556, NOTAL) EMBASSY NOW RELIABLY INFORMED THAT PRESIDENT'S PERIPATETIC SENIOR FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR MANSOUR KHALID (WHO OUTRANKS FONMIN) ALSO PLANNING INCLUDE SOUTH KOREA ON CURRENT TRIP TO NUMBER COUNTRIES BEGINNING DEC 12. ACCORDING REPORT, GOS/ROK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, EITHER DURING OR SHORTLY AFTER KHALID'S VISIT.

2. COMMENT. REPORTED INAUGURATION DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH RELATED DEVELOPMENTS HERE. KHARTOUM PRESS HAS RECENTLY CARRIED NUMBER ITEMS OPENLY DISCUSSING SUDAN/SOUTH KOREA ECONOMIC AND TRADE TIES. SAUDIS, THROUGH WHOM EXISTING ROK CONGEN HERE WAS ESTABLISHED LAST JUNE, MAY WELL HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN UPGRADING KHARTOUM/SEOUL TIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH INCREASED SAG AID HERE FOLLOWING KING KHALID'S LATE OCTOBER VISIT. AND SOUTH KOREANS THEMSELVES HAVE EVIDENTLY BEEN CLEVER IN PLAYING ON NIMEIRI'S OVERRIDING INTEREST TO ASSURE SUITABLE ACCOMMODATIONS READY IN KHARTOUM FOR OAU SUMMITEERS IN 1978 (KHARTOUM 3057). THIS CONNECTION, SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION (PRESUMABLY BUSINESSMEN) PAID UNPUBLICIZED CALL

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